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SUBJECT: PROSPECTS FOR AN EC COMMON ENERGY STRATEGY

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1. TAYLOR (UNDERSEC, DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY) BELIEVES
SEPTEMBER 17 EC COUNCIL OF MINISTERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO
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AGREE ON RESOLUTION AS LONG AS NO SURPRISE ARE SPRUNG

ESPECIALLY BY FRENCH. HE HOPED SECSTATE FCO CALLAGHAN WOULD BE ABLE TO BE PRESENT FOR ENERGY DISCUSSION IN ORDER TO TAKE PLAY AWAY FROM PETER SHORE. IN ANY EVENT, HATTERSLEY OF FCO, NOT SHORE, WOULD LEAD UK DELEGATION IN CALLAGHAN'S ABSENCE.

2. TAYLOR CONFIRMED THAT WHILE UK IS WILLING TO COMMIT ITSELF TO COOPERATE AND MEET, ETC. BRITISH CANNOT ACCEPT EC ENDORISING IDEA OF NEW COMMON POLICIES PRIOR TO RENEGOTIATIONS OR DISCUSSION OF ACTUAL SUBSTANCE OF ANY NEW POLICIES. MOREOVER, WHILE HARMONIZATION OF NATIONAL POLICIES HAS BEEN AGREED TO IN PRINCIPLE AT TWO SUMMIT MEETINGS, UK HAS QUESTIONED DIRIGISME AND DEGREE OF HARMONIZATION SOUGHT.

3. TAYLOR OBSERVED BRITISH WOULD BE WARY OF ACCEPTING GENERAL AND UNDEFINED DECLARATIONS OF "HARMONIZATION," ETC. THEY WOULD NOT, FOR EXAMPLE, AGREE TO UNCONDITIONAL STATEMENT THAT "EC WILL ENDEAVOR TO REDUCE ITS DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS." HMG WOULD BE CONCERNED THIS LANGUAGE MIGHT BE INTERPRETED IN A WAY WHICH COULD RESTRICT UK'S RIGHT TO SET NORTH SEA OIL DEPLETION POLICY ACCORDING TO ITS OWN LIGHTS. BRITAIN WOULD AGREE, HOWEVER, TO MAKE "BEST ECONOMIC USE OF MEMBER STATE'S OWN ENERGY RESOURCES."

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